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SUBJECT: ABSHIRE VISIT

REF: STATE 19293 AND MOSCOW 1424

1. DR. ABSHIRE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ATTEND LUNCHEON WHICH WOULD INCLUDE OFFICIALS OF THE USA INSTITUTE AND THE INSTITUTE OF WORLD ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (IWEIA) AND WHICH WOULD BE HOSTED BY CHARGE DUBS. DR. ABSHIRE HAS NOW TOLD DEPARTMENT THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH USA INSTITUTE AND IWEIA OFFICIALS AT THE LUNCHEON ONLY AND NOT AT THE INSTITUTES THEMSELVES. EMBASSY MAY WISH, AT ITS DISCRETION, TO CONSIDER CANCELLING ANY APPOINTMENTS ALREADY MADE FOR DR. ABSHIRE AT THE INSTITUTES.

2. DR. ABSHIRE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS US GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, AND ISSUES SUCH AS MFN, CREDITS FOR THE SOVIET UNION, AND MBFR AT THE LUNCHEON- HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEND ONE DAY DISCUSSING EMBASSY OPERATIONS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY OFFICERS. IN ADDITION HE HAS SOME PERSONAL BUSI-

NESS TO CONDUCT IN MOSCOW.

3. DR. ABSHIRE'S OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD, AND TRAIN RESERVATION FROM MOSCOW TO LENINGRAD EVENING FEBRUARY 24, THROUGH LOCAL TRAVEL AGENT, SO FAR WITHOUT SUCCESS.

4. DR. ABSHIRE HAS NOTIFIED SOVIET EMBASSY DCM VORONTSOV ABOUT HIS PLANS TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION AND WILL LUNCH WITH VORONTSOV ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8. VORONTSOV PRESUMABLY WILL NOTIFY MFA OF DR. ABSHIRE'S PLANS. KISSINGER

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